GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS YOUTH AFFAIRS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give more financial assistance to promote sports and youth affairs by introducing special schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also proposed any special scheme with a perspective to promote and encourage sports in schools, colleges as well as among general public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d): As `Sports` is a State subject under the Constitution, the primary responsibility for the development of Sports rests with the State Government and the National Sports Federations concerned. Since 1.4.2005, all schemes relating to infrastructure have been transferred to the State Sector. Though there is no new special scheme under consideration of the Ministry to give more financial assistance towards the promotion of sports and youth affairs, a number of schemes for promotion of youth and sports activities are being implemented by the Ministry. The details of the schemes are detailed in the Annex. ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2864 FOR 10-5-2006 BY SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN, REGARDING PROMOTION OF SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS

The details of the Schemes are as under:-

1. Sports Scholarship Scheme:- Under the Scheme, State level Scholarship at the rate of Rs.450/- per month, National Level Scholarship of Rs.600/- per month and University/College level scholarship of Rs.750/- per month are given to sports persons excelling at State, National and University/college levels, Special Scholarships for women champions at the rate of Rs.1,000/- per month (for senior Women sports persons), scholarship at the rate of Rs.6,000/- to women doing Diploma in sports coaching at SAI centre, and Rs.6,000/- to women doing M.Phil/Ph.D. in Physical education per annum for a maximum of 3 years are also given under this scheme. Scholarships are also offered to doctors and scientists and also to selected institutions to motivate and encourage them to undertake research in different aspects of sports science.

2. Awards and Other Incentives:- The Ministry has instituted the following awards to recognize outstanding sports persons/coaches:-

i. Arjuna Award comprising of a scroll, a statuette and cash prize of Rs.3,00,000/- is awarded as the highest national award to distinguished sportspersons for outstanding performance during the year for which it is given and in the preceding three years. It is also awarded to sportspersons who have made life time contribution to sports and sports promotion.

ii. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award:- An award of Rs.5.00 lakhs is given to honour the sports persons/team for most spectacular and outstanding performance in the field of Sports.

iii. Dronacharya Award:- A scroll of honour, a plaque and cash prize of Rs.2,50,000/- is awarded to eminent coaches.

iv. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy:- A Cash Award of Rs.1,00,000/- is awarded to the best all round performance at University level during the year.

v. Special Cash Award to medal winners in International Sports Events:- Special Cash awards ranging from 75,000/- to 15,00,000/- are given for winning medals in specified international sports disciplines which are included in the Olympic, Asian and Commonwealth Games.

3. National Welfare Fund for Sports Persons:- Financial support in the form of monthly pension upto Rs.2,500/- is given to outstanding sportspersons of

yesteryears living in indigent circumstances. Lump-sum grants of upto Rs.40,000/- is also given for medical treatment. Sportspersons suffering fatal injury during training for participation in international competition are also given a maximum of Rs.1.00 lakh and those sustaining injury other than fatal injury are given upto maximum of Rs.40,000/-. Besides, a lump-sum financial assistance not exceeding Rs.40,000/- in each case can be provided to the families of outstanding Sportspersons in indigent circumstances. Sports promoters like TV or radio Commentators, Referees, Coaches, Umpires etc. who were eminent but not well off are given assistance not exceeding Rs.10,000/-.

4. Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools:- Under the scheme, grant is given @ Rs.50,000/- per district and Rs.2,00,000/- per State/UT for holding District and State level inter-school tournaments. State performing thje best at the national level tournament is given an award of Rs.1,00,000/- along with a rolling trophy.

5. National Sports Development Fund has been created with a view to mobilizing resources from Government organizations, public and private corporate sector, non resident Indians etc. for promotion of Sports and Games. 100% exemption from income tax on all contributions to the Fund has been granted.

6. Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sports Persons:- Monthly Pension @ Rs.2,500/- to Olympic Games Medalists and Gold Medalists of World Cup/World Championship and Rs.2,000/- p.m. to Silver and Bronze Medalists of World Cup, World Championships, Gold Medalists of Asian Games and Commonwealth Games are given under this scheme. The pension is given from the age of 30 onwards for life time.

7. The Scheme of Assistance for Creation of Sports Infrastructure to state governments, NGOs, local bodies, universities, colleges and schools, has been transferred to state sector with effect from 1.4.2005

8. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) implements the following sports promotion schemes for sub-junior/junior and senior age groups:

i) National Sports Talent Contest Scheme
ii) Army Boys Sports Company Scheme

iii) Special Area Games
iv) SAI-Training Centre/Centre of Excellence Scheme

9. The Ministry provides assistance for promotion of adventure activities and also for Establishment and Development of Mountaineering Institutes. Financial

assistance for various activities under this scheme is limited to certain ceilings as indicated in the Guidelines.

10. The Ministry also provides Assistance for Scouting & Guiding activities on the part of young boys and girls to develop their character and inculcate in them a spirit of patriotism, social service and communal harmony. Non-recurring central grant is given to the Government of India recognized Scouting and Guiding organizations with adequate experience, resource and separate legal entity. Central grant is given for conducting scouting and guiding camps, training programmes, holding periodical meets at national level on the theme of scouting and guiding, monitoring and evaluation, and coordination of scouting and guiding activities in India and sharing of experience with other countries, traveling for participation in important national and international seminars on scouting and guiding and for research and publication on scouting and guiding. Financial assistance for various activities is limited to certain ceilings as indicated in the guidelines.

11. The Ministry implements a Programme of National Integration and supports a host of activities designed to promote integration.

12. The Ministry provides Assistance to Youth Clubs in order to enable youth to mobilize themselves for their own as well as the community`s welfare. One-time financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- in normal areas and Rs.15,000/- in tribal areas can be given to each youth Club under this scheme. For promoting Voluntary Sports Clubs, one in each block in a phased manner, one-time financial assistance of Rs.30,000/- in normal areas and Rs.45,000/- in tribal areas per club is given. One-time financial assistance of Rs.30,000/- is also provided to Youth Development Centres which are to serve as the hub of information for the youth from a cluster of 10-15 villages in the area.

13. The Ministry also gives away National Youth Awards and Youth Club Awards for outstanding services rendered by the youth and Youth Clubs to the community.

14. The Ministry provides Financial Assistance to NGOs for Imparting Vocational Training and Entrepreneurial Skills to the youth, based on local needs and talents. Assistance is also given to NGOs for holding Youth leadership training programmes and exhibitions involving arts, crafts, folk dances, paintings and various social themes concerning the role of youth. Similar scheme of financial assistance to NGOs for the benefit of Youth belonging to backward/tribal areas and tribes is also being implemented by the Ministry. Financial assistance for various programmes is limited to certain ceilings as indicated in the guidelines.

15. Through its newly launched Pilot Scheme of National Reconstruction Corps taken up in 80 selected districts, the Ministry provides opportunities to young women and men to dedicate voluntarily one year of their life to the task of national reconstruction.

16. This Ministry, being the Nodal Agency for United Nations Volunteer Scheme, helps Indian Nationals to serve as UN Volunteers in developing and underdeveloped countries. Youth delegations are exchanged with foreign countries for participation in various youth programmes under the scheme of Exchange of youth Delegations at International levels. Through the Commonwealth Youth Programme, visit of youth delegates is organized to Commonwealth countries in the Asian Region, Collaborative programmes are also organized in the areas of youth concern.

17. The Ministry implements the National Service Volunteer Scheme aimed at providing opportunities to students to involve themselves on voluntary basis in nation building activities.